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## Race-Day Overview

*Solid weekend of racing today and tomorrow, as we get ready for an incredible week of racing in NY next week. We'll have lots of coverage for the Belmont on our podcast!*

*Today, we'll take a close look at Stephen Foster Preview Day at Churchill, with 6 stakes! Then, we'll travel North of the Border for the first time this year at Woodbine, for a bunch of graded stakes and nice fields, followed by our usual Santa Anita Late P4 for Sunday. As always, check for scratches and changes...CD Race 10 has three horses cross-entered into an allowance race on Sunday, so expect changes in that race for sure.*

### Spot / Price Plays (National Avg. ROI is \$1.60):

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.10** (\$1,809.04 / 862)

YTD: **\$1.99** (\$218.74 / 110)

## Racetrack: Churchill Downs

### Howard Kravets' Grid: All-Stakes Grid

Late P5 starts in R7 at 3:51pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Use in horizontal bets	Caveman Bet	Cost
6	6	3,7	-			
7	3,4,6	5	1,2,8	3,4,5,6	\$0.50 P5	\$80
8	6	1,4,7	3,9	1,6		
9	2,8	3	5,6,7,9	2,8		
10	6,7,9	3,8	2,4	3,6,7,8,9		
11	5,7	2,3,5,8,10	4	5,7		

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## Pete Visco's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	6,7	1,3	4	6,7	-	-
7	2,4,5	3,6,8	1	2,4,5,8	\$0.50 P5	\$96
8	6,7	3,5,9	1,2	6,7	-	-
9	8,9	2,5	3,6	2,5,8,9	-	-
10	7,8,9	3,4	2,6	3,7,8	-	-
11	7,8	2,5	3,9	7,8	-	-

## Paul Halloran's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	3,8	5,6	1,2	3,5,6,8	\$.50 P5	\$96
8	1,9	7	3,4	1,9		
9	8,9	5,7	2,3	8,9		
10	7,8	6,9	2,4	7,8,9		
11	5,7	6,8	4	5,6,7,8		

## Late P5 Analysis (R7 - 11): (Yellow background denotes Plays of the Day!!)

It's EXTREMELY IMPORTANT YOU PAY ATTENTION and take some notes if you plan on betting this similar card one month from on Stephen Foster Day, as many of these will run against each other again. I thought R6, R8 and R9 were relatively thin on the win-candidate end, while R10 and R11, the last two of the sequence, were quite difficult and require spreading out. The only logical singles in which I felt comfortable include Skelley (R6, OUTSIDE of the Pick 5) and "gutsy" single Alpine Princess in R8 (more below).

*The following touts on the next page are today's Price / Spot Plays. AS ALWAYS, I'M LOOKING FOR VALUE AND WON'T USUALLY TIP OUT FAVORITES UNLESS I REALLY LIKE THEM. The "Stars" rating is the usual 1 – 5, with 5 being the MOST CONFIDENT / RECOMMENDED PLAYS.*

## Full-Card Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	6	Alpine Princess	6-1	4	\$20 Win #6 BIG Exactas: 6 / 4,7 Small Exactas: 4,7 / 6

**Notes:** The Shawnee S. is wide-open, so why not go with a bit of a price, as I'm not a fan of the rail horse Where's My Ring at 5-2. #6 Alpine Princess is interesting if you dive deep. There are two things in particular I like....1) She's tactical but doesn't need the lead, and 2) Perhaps more importantly, she does NOT appear to like a wet track, and she'll receive a dry one today. All of her most recent efforts are very solid, except for the ones on wet ground. The last two times she faced in an-form, speed

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Headline Numbers of Chad, then the “Grizzly Bear” two-back. Geroux stays on for Cox. Stalk and pounce for the victory?

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	2	Cameo Performance	6-1	5	\$25 Win #2 Trifectas: 2 / 3,8 / 3,5,6,7,8,9 3,8 / 2 / 3,5,6,7,8,9

**Notes:** THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT CHURCHILL DOWNS!! Ok, I'll admit, I can be stubborn at times with horses. If the name Cameo Performance sounds familiar, it should. This was one of my big plays on Derby Day, and it just didn't pan out. I didn't love the ride that day, as the jock was a bit indecisive going into the first turn and was wide the whole way. He ran okay through the lane, but tired late vs. a better field than this. It was disappointing overall, but I think Cameo wants to be covered up behind horses, then produce a late run in the stretch. Jockey Curtis knows exactly how to do that from his days racing in the UK, and he's solid on turf. There's enough early speed to set up his close, and unless I'm very wrong, I still think this guy is talented with upside....competitive field again, but by the numbers, he's just as good as anyone here. Maybe that Derby field was too tough. No excuses today....divorce papers ready to be filed if he can't run big here. And 6-1 ML too? That's silly, he should be half that price in this field.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	7	Most Wanted (might be running Sunday instead)	7-2	3	\$15 WP #7

**Notes:** I had a hard time choosing between #7 Most Wanted and #9 Post Time as my play in this race, but decided to go with the early speed ASSUMING there are some scratches, as three of the horses are cross-entered into an allowance race tomorrow. I think at least two of them will go there. The scratches will determine which one I'd go with on top. Most Wanted is the best outside speed in a race, with expected changes, does not have a ton of confirmed need-the-lead types. He faced the classy Skippy longstocking then Fierceness (track record) in his last two...there's no one like those in this field. Plus, both times he was being pressed / chased on the outside. Today, he'll be the one that can stalk or just go to the lead. There's still upside here, and although he's never gone 1 1/8th miles, I don't think distance will be a problem. He's the one I Most Wanted in the race (you knew that was coming, lol!)! **IF HE IS SCRATCHED, I'LL MAKE POST TIME (3-1) my Spot Play.**

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## Racetrack: Woodbine

Late Pick 5; R7 – 11, Post 4:10pm EST

### Howard Kravets' Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	1,4	3,7	8	1,3,4,7	\$0.50 P5	\$80
8	1,2	4,8	7	1,2,4,8		
9	2	6,8	4,9	2,8		
10	9	4,7	1,2,5	9		
11	5,12	4,7,10	1,6	4,5,7,10,12		

### Late P5 Analysis

*In our first foray into Canada today, this Late P5 is a difficult, fun, challenging sequence. I suppose you could single #8 Earhart in R8, but she's never been on turf and this is a much more difficult test than she's had before. Several races have "spread" written all over them, so budget accordingly be prepared to take some stands. HOWEVER, the Pick 5's at Woodbine do have a 20c base bet, so in theory you could use more horses. But don't get sucked into that narrative, because then you'll start losing value. I would spread most in R7 and R11.*

### Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	2	Faber	5-2	5	\$20 Win #2

#### Notes:

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT WOODBINE!** Not my most confident pick I've touted as a Play of the Day, that's for sure....I don't like the price, but do like the horse. #2 Faber gets a trainer switch to Kevin Attard, who's hitting at a whopping 33% so far at the meeting. He's faced some toughies at Turfway Park, so this is a slight drop down in class. He should be placed mid-pack today, and hopefully run them down late. Expect improvement / Beyer jump from previous efforts.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	12	Sweet Surrender	12-1	3	<b>\$10 WP #12</b> Trifectas: 12 / 4,5,7,10 / 1,4,5,6,7,10 4,5,7,10 / 12 / 1,4,5,6,7,10 4,5,7,10 / 1,4,5,6,7,10 / 12

#### Notes:

I have to admit, I'm sort of defaulting to #12 Sweet Surrender as a Spot Play since I just don't have very strong opinions on many of these races / horses at Woodbine today. That's not to say this sequence

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isn't fun and worth betting. Sweet Surrender does have an outside draw, but based on the tactical speed this filly has shown down in S. Fla., expect jockey Husbands to be able and get close to the front anyway. She's had trouble finishing, but she's also faced some nice horses, including Drop the Hammer in her last. The extra time off probably has done her some good, and this maiden field seems easier than her company at GP. Works seem solid enough, especially the one two back on May 17th. If she can find more stamina and not be wide into the first turn, she's eligible to surprise a bunch here at a price.

### SANTA ANITA - SUNDAY

#### Howard Kravets' Grid: Late Pick 4

R7 starts at 7pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Use in horizontal bets	Caveman Bet	Cost
7	2	-	4	2	\$0.50 P4	\$30
8	3,4	2,5	1	2,3,4,5		
9	1,4,5	2,6	-	1,2,4,5,6		
10	5	3,4,9	-	4,5,9		

#### Suggested Special Wagers:

##### \$3 Late Pick 3:

Big Budget: 3,4 / 1,4,5 / 4,5,9 (\$54)

Small Budget: 3,4 / 1,4,5 / 5 (\$18)

##### \$5 Late Double:

Big Budget: 1,4,5 / 4,5,9 (\$45)

Small Budget: 1,4,5 / 5 (\$15)

Key Horse of the Sequence: #5 Halo Rando, running in R9, was REALLY good two starts in a row before going on a break. His last race was not very good, but maybe he needed it. Trainer stats are excellent 2nd off the layoff, and it's hard for me to believe Believe is as good as he showed last time. Do the scripts flip Sunday? I think it's very possible!



**Good luck with all of your wagers....CRUSH  
YOUR BETS!!!**

